

CLAIMS

1. A piece of headgear comprising:

a headband portion; and

5 a bill portion connected to said headband portion, said bill portion having a top side, a bottom side and an edge, said bill portion having a composite construction, said composite construction including a shape imparting core section, said core section having a top surface and a bottom surface, and a layer of a flexible plastic over said top surface of said core section, said plastic layer having a specular gloss appearance.

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2. The headgear of Claim 1 wherein said plastic layer is transparent.

3. The headgear of Claim 2 wherein there is a first decorative layer of material between said top surface of said core section and said transparent flexible plastic layer.

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4. The headgear of Claim 1 wherein there is a layer of fabric over said bottom surface of said core section.

5. The headgear of Claim 1 wherein there is a layer of said flexible plastic over
20 said bottom surface of said core section.

6. The headgear of Claim 2 wherein there is a layer of fabric over said bottom surface of said core section and a layer of said flexible plastic over said fabric layer.

7. The headgear of Claim 3 wherein said first decorative layer of material
5 comprises a flexible plastic and said layer of transparent, flexible plastic is bonded to said first decorative layer.

8. The headgear of Claim 3 wherein there is a second decorative layer of material between said bottom surface of said core section and a layer of said transparent
10 flexible plastic layer over said second decorative layer.

9. The headgear of Claim 8 wherein said second decorative layer of material comprises a flexible plastic and said layer of transparent, flexible plastic is bonded to said second decorative layer.
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10. The headgear of Claim 8 wherein said first and second decorative layers of material are substantially the same.

11. The headgear of Claim 10 wherein said first and second decorative layers are
20 a fabric.

12. The headgear of Claim 3 wherein said first decorative layer comprises an adhesive coating on said top surface of said core section and a dispersion of particulate materials in said substrate.

5 13. The headgear of Claim 12 wherein said particulate material is light reflecting.

14. The headgear of Claim 13 wherein said particulate material comprises metallic flecks.

10 15. The headgear of Claim 1 wherein said front edge of said bill portion is overlaid with a metallic strip and there is a layer of a transparent, flexible plastic over said metallic strip.

15 16. The headgear of Claim 15 wherein said transparent, flexible plastic has a specular gloss appearance.